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SUBJECT: STATUS OF ICEM IN OPTION PROGRAM: KOZAK TRAVEL

REF: (A) SANTIAGO 3820, (B) GENEVA 7920, (C) BUENOS AIRES 3727

1. DURING AMPLE DISCUSSION ON RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM BETWEEN INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL COL. SAN ROMAN AND 9 EMBASSIES TODAY MAY 23, THE SUBJECT OF ICEM AS A PRE-SCREENING AGENCY WAS STRONGLY ENDORSED BY EMBASSIES. COL. SAN ROMAN, HOWEVER, WHO HAD BEEN APPRISED OF WIDE-SPREAD INTEREST IN ICEM PARTICIPATION BEFORE (SEE REFTTEL C), MADE A PREPARED RESPONSE THAT THE INTERIOR MINISTRY DID NOT SEE A ROLE FOR AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION IN THE RIGHT OF OPTION PROGRAM.

2. THE TWO POINTS HE MADE TO SUPPORT GOA'S POSITION WERE THAT 1) THE NUMBER OF CASES PRESENTED TO ANY INDIVIDUAL EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE OF SUCH MAGNITUDE TO REQUIRE ICEM PARTICIPATION; AND 2) THAT INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES CAN BE MANIPULATED BY "OUTSIDE FACTORS," LIMITING THEIR OBJECTIVITY AND EFFECTIVENESS. FOR THESE RASONS, THE GOA PREFERS TO WORK
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DIRECTLY WITH THE EMBASSIES INVOLVED AND WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH NECESSARY ASSISTANCE. WHEN WE POINTED OUT THAT THE NUMBER OF CERTIFICATE REQUESTS WAS INDEED SIZEABLE, SAN ROMAN SUGGESTED EMBASSIES MAKE A CAREFUL STUDY OF THE "SERIOUSNESS" WITH WHICH FAMILIES MAKE THE REQUEST. HE ESTIMATED THAT UP TO ONE HALF OF THE REQUESTS WOULD EVENTUALLY

BECOME INEFFECTIVE BECAUSE OF SECOND THOUGHTS BY THE DETAINEE TO ACTUALLY LEAVE ARGENTINA, LACK OF MONEY TO BECOME REESTABLISHED ABROAD, OR OTHER PERSONAL REASONS.

3. UPON CLOSE QUESTIONING, SAN ROMAN AGREED TO MEET WITH ICEM'S REPRESENTATIVE (KOZAK--EMBASSY MENTIONED NO NAMES) BUT ASKED THAT THE MEETING BE POSTPONED AT LEAST TO THE FOLLOWING WEEK (MAY 28-JUNE 3). ALTHOUGH THE ENTIRE GROUP OF EMBASSIES EMPHASIZED THEIR INTEREST IN ICEM PARTICIPATION, WE CANNOT KNOW WHETHER TODAY'S JOINT APPROACH WILL BRING GOA TO CHANGE ITS NOW VERY APPARENT RELUCTANCE TO AUTHORIZE ICEM TO ACT HERE. SAN ROMAN HAS AGREED TO HEAR ICEM'S CASE AND THIS EMBASSY CAN MAKE APPOINTMENT SHOULD KOZAK DECIDE TO COME TO PURSUE THE OPPORTUNITY (AS WE ASSUME HE WILL).

4. FOLLOWING TODAY'S MEETING, REFTEL B WAS RECEIVED, INDICATING SOME ICEM FEAR OF GETTING FURTHER INVOLVED WITH PROGRAM. ALSO LOCAL ICEM DIRECTOR ROMAGNOLI CALLED, SUGGESTING THAT SINCE JOINT KOZAK-ROMAGNOLI-EMBASSY MEETING CANNOT BE ARRANGED FOR EVENING MAY 24, ROMAGNOLI INTENDS TO ADVISE KOZAK TO POSTPONE HIS TRIP TO BA UNTIL EARLY JUNE WHEN ROMAGNOLI WILL RETURN FROM OVERSEAS
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TRIP. EMBASSY DID NOT DISCUSS RESULTS OF TODAY'S MEETING WITH ROMAGNOLI AND PREFERS TO KEEP OUT OF ICEM INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE CAN ONLY ADVISE THAT ALL THAT REMAINS AT THIS POINT IS SAN ROMAN'S WILLINGNESS TO SEE ICEM REPRESENTATIVE NEXT WEEK (OR LATER, SHOULD ICEM PREFER). ALTHOUGH THE CHANGES LOOK SLIM AT THIS POINT, EMBASSY BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT THAT KOZAK MAKE HIS APPROACH IN ORDER TO HAVE THE ICEM ISSUE SETTLED DEFINITELY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER AS WE MOVE ON TO PROCESS RIGHT OF OPTION CASES.

5. ACTION REQUEST: SANTIAGO:
PLEASE PASS PERTINENT INFORMATION TO KOZAK.
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